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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 299612 ACTION CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, SUVA, INFO  
SYDNEY, AUCKLAND DTD 09 DEC 76.  
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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

1. AS A FURTHER FOLLOW ON TO TALKS UNDERTAKEN EARLIER BY  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMOND CONCERNING POSSIBLE  
EXPANDED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC, WE ARE NOW PROPOSING TO SEND A TWO MAN STATE/AID  
TEAM TO THE AREA TO INVESTIGATE SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH THE  
U.S. CAN PROVIDE HELP TO POORER, INDEPENDENT STATES OF  
TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY TO THE REGION  
AS A WHOLE THROUGH THE SPC AND SPEC. WHILE WE BELIEVE OUR  
ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA  
WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH FIJIAN SENSITIVITIES  
BY EXPLORING WAYS TO ASSIST THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC OR OTHER REGIONAL ACTIVITIES BASED IN FIJI.

2. TEAM WILL BE COMPOSED OF RICHARD IMUS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
OF EA'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC POLICY AND FRANK CORREL,  
PROGRAM OFICER IN AID'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
UNLESS ADDRESSEE POSTS PERCEIVE AN OBJECTION, TEAM'S PRO-  
POSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:  
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MONDAY, JANUARY 17 - 0930 ARR. AUCKLAND  
----- 1230 LV. AUCKLAND VIA NZ2475  
----- 1330 ARR. WELLINGTON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 - WELLINGTON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 - 1315 LV. WELLINGTON VIA TE371  
----- 1440 ARR. SYDNEY  
----- 1600 LV. SYDNEY VIA AN367  
----- 1640 ARR. CANBERRA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 - CANBERRA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 --- 1705 LV. CANBERRA VIA AN366  
----- 1740 ARR. SDYNEY  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 - SYDNEY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 --- 1735 LV. SYDNEY VIA UT512A  
----- 2020 ARR. NOUMEA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24 - NOUMEA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 -- NOUMEA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 - 1600 LV. NOUMEA VIA FJ706  
----- 2015 ARR. SUVA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 -- 0730 LV. SUVA VIA FJ452  
----- 0940 ARR. TONGA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 ---- TONGA  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 -- 1735 LV. TONGA VIA FJ453  
----- 1745 ARR. SUVA  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 ---- SUVA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 31 ---- SUVA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ---- 1130 LV. SUVA VIA FJ410  
MONDAY, JANUARY 31 ----- 1530 ARR. APIA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ---- APIA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 -- APIA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 --- APIA  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 ----- 1030 LV. APIA VIA PH240

WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS CONFIRMING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR  
TWO SINGLE ROOMS MADE THROUGH AIRLINES AT FOLLOWING:  
WELLINGTON (COOK), CANBERRA, (EMBASSY MOTEL), SYDNEY  
(WENTWORTH), NOUMEA (ISLE DE FRANCE) FIJI (TRAVEL LODGE)  
TONGA (INTERNATIONAL DATELINE), WESTERN SAMOA (AGGI GREYS)

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE POSTS ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS  
WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS FOLLOWS:  
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(A) FOR WELLINGTON:  
PLEASE LEAVE AFTERNOON AND EVENING JAN. 17 FREE GIVEN  
LENGTHY TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT THAT DAY. ON JAN. 18 TEAM  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE BRIAN LYNCH IN THE PACIFIC DIVISION AND  
MICHAEL POWLES OF THE AID DIVISION OF THE MFA. PURPOSE OF  
TALKS WOULD BE TO OUTLINE OUR TENTATIVE ASSISTANCE PLANS  
TO THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND TO LEARN FROM THEM DETAILS OF  
THEIR OWN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING  
SKIPJACK TUNA PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER SOUTH PACIFIC  
COMMISSION AUSPICES.

(B) FOR CANBERRA  
PURPOSE OF CANBERRA CONSULTATIONS ALONG THE SAME LINES AS

ABOVE TALKS WITH NEW ZEALANDERS. SUGGEST INITIAL APPOINTMENT WITH RAY PERCIVAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AMERICAN AND PACIFIC DIVISION, MFA TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER APPROPRIATE MEETINGS ON TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THIS AREA.

4. FOR SUVA

(A) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING APPOINTMENT IN NOUMEA WITH DR. MACU SOLATO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH U.S. ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE CHANNLED THROUGH SPC. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH DR. SOLATO TEAM WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH OTHER SPC OFFICIALS WHOM SOLATO FEELS APPROPRIATE. TEAM IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SPC PLANS FOR SKIPJACK TUNA MIGRATION STUDY.

(B) IN TONGA WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT APPOINTMENTS BE LEFT IN HANDS OF JACK REICHELMAN, ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNMENT. TEAM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH TONGAN OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS OF FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE, POPULATION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

(C) IN FIJI ITSELF TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET INITIALLY WITH DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AQUILLA SAVA TO BRIEF HIM ON OUR ASSISTANCE PLANS FOR TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA AND TO OBTAIN FROM HIM A GENERAL BRIEFING ON FIJI'S OWN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPEC MANE' AND OTHER APPROPRIATE BUREAU OFFICIALS. UNCLASSIFIED

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CIALS WHOM POST FEELS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE TEAM TO SEE. FINALLY, TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH USP VICE CHANCELLOR MARAJ AND NELSON MARSHALL USP FISHERIES CONSULTANT. REALIZE THIS IS BUSY ONE DAY SCHEDULE BUT IF NECESSARY TEAM IS PREPARED TO SPLIT UP TO SEE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS SEPARATELY.

(D) APPOINTMENTS IN WESTERN SAMOA SHOULD BE ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THOSE PROPOSED FOR TONGA. IN ADDITION, IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP ON THE EDMOND'S VISIT, THE TEAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL UPON PRIME MINISTER TUPUOLA EFI AND MEET WITH SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT UALAI TOMA AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ASI EIKENI. IN LATTER PART OF VISIT, PREFERABLY ON FEBRUARY 3, TEAM MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL SAMOAN PLANS FOR FEED GRAIN MILL WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PART U.S. P.L.-480 MIGHT PLAY IN SUCH PLANS.

4. IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS IN ALL STOPS, POSTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PURPOSE OF TEAM'S VISIT IS EXPLORATORY WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING HOW ISLAND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS MESH WITH OUR OWN CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED GUIDELINES

THAT ASSISTANCE FALL IN AREAS OF HEALTH, POPULATION,  
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION WHICH WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE  
POOR. TEAM WILL ALSO WISH TO DETERMINE BEST METHODS OF  
IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE GIVEN GENERAL STRUCTURE  
OF U.S. AID PROGRAM AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING BUDGETARY  
CONSTRAINTS. TEAM WILL WISH, OF COURSE, TO DISCUSS ALL  
THESE POINTS DIRECTLY WITH POSTS CONCERNED AT THE  
APPROPRIATE TIME DURING THE SURVEY VISIT. ROBINSON  
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